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CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Suttle's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Suttle amendment is adopted. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill...or to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Thompson would move to amend, AM3079. (AM3079, Legislative Journal page 1338.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, to open on your amendment, AM3079.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you very much. This amendment is I consider technical, but I want to explain it so that you'll understand what happened here. LB 652 is on Final Reading and it, when we wrote this amendment, we mirrored the language in LB 652. In order to not confuse things and to meet the concern of the Department of Health and Human Services, this strikes the language from LB 652 and so those will be harmonized, hopefully, after LB 652 is signed into law. So this takes it back to the old language, not the language that's on Final Reading. The second thing it does, after LB 652 went to Final Reading I did receive a call from a judge with a suggestion on that. It just mirrors language that's already in the law and it adds the words, permit a juvenile to be placed in a suitable family home, which was contained later on in the language. This will just duplicate the language so hopefully, if LB 652 is passed and signed into law, this will still leave this option for the judges if this bill is signed into law. So that's just trailing it, rather than return that bill from Final Reading. So that's...I just ask you to adopt this amendment, first of all to...if LB 652 were to be, for example, vetoed and not overridden, then the language in this bill would have mirrored LB 652 and we would have gone through that process a second time. So this just takes it back to the pre-LB 652 language to clarify that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the opening on AM3079 to the committee amendments. We're now open for discussion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Thompson.